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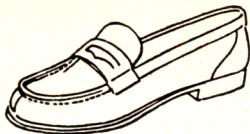
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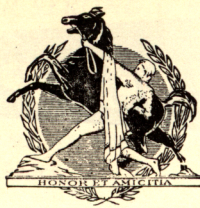
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KEEPING POSTED

NOW that the Victorian racing carnival is over, we are seeing back again our own members who made the trip — plus quite a few welcome faces of our Melbourne friends. Jim Collins, among them, was here for a while at the beginning of the month.

ANOTHER friend back on deck after a spell in hospital is genial Tom Cook — just about recovered from his operation.

NOW that Christmas is with us again, members are reminded of the advantages of visiting the first floor at certain times toward the holidays — when many appropriate items are disposed of in the traditional way.

THERE'S been an epidemic among members of broken bones and general injuries — or so it seems. Jim Gerald has a broken ankle, and A. G. Connelly is suffering from injury to arm and hip. Here's hoping that their various disabilities do not prevent them from participating in the season's good cheer.

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THERE are a number of members back again from overseas to spend Christmas at home. John Ruthven is one, glad to be back, looking particularly well after his trip.

ANOTHER traveller returned at just the right time is W. C. Anderson — back from a trip to America.

CLEM FADER, rapidly regaining health after a short stay in hospital, is back in the Club with us again.

THE 3rd December was Bill Sellen's 28th Anniversary — he and Mrs. Sellen, with a party of friends, celebrated the event in the Club.

EDITORIAL: Let Goodwill Prevail

This is the season of goodwill; but we should do more about it than express ourselves in formally happy terms.

We should feel what we say and, failing that feeling, ask ourselves why.

This season should be for all of us a moral stocktaking. What have we done to others that we need not have done? What has the other fellow done to us?

If it is something capable of adjustment, the approach should be made and our difference composed.

Of course, there are some things not easily forgotten or forgiven. Even so, if the approach be made in good faith, do not knock it back without serious reflection.

Every man should be given a chance to rehabilitate himself, to restore good-relationship; and this is the season which presents an opportunity, if not an urge, for the offender and the offended, the wrongdoer and the wronged, to meet.

It must be a meeting in the right spirit; the spirit of goodwill.

So, in the shaping of your thoughts, in the guidance of your actions, let goodwill prevail.

Happy Birthday to You!

DECEMBER

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| W. Longton | 31 Jack Davis |
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JANUARY

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| G. O. Bourke | F. E. Ezy |
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| Dunwoodie | F. D. Powell |

Members are invited to notify
the Secretary of the date of their

PETER STRONG is *hibernating* — if that is the proper term for a summer retirement — at Newport. The attraction, he swears, is because he likes native bears.

ANY doubts we may have had of the human kindness of the Supreme Court Bench were dispelled by the story going around the Club that one of our judiciary members, after a hard and trying day in court, often accepts in the evenings the task of baby-sitting!

ANOTHER fixture that often misses a calendar year, then occurs twice in the next year, is our annual tussle at cricket (and other sports) with our Brisbane confreres. Last year, about this time, we had the pleasure of their company here, when they won the cricket by a fair margin. We hope to have our revenge in Brisbane, but not until the peak of the Queensland summer has passed — probably about March next year.

YEARS in the future, there will be arguments and probably a wager or two on "What horse won the Carrington in 1953?" At the risk of being accused of running a tipster's business, we can forecast the correct answer right now — no horse will win the 1953 Carrington. Work it out for yourself!

THURSDAY, the 10th December, was a great day in the Bill McDonald family — names

of the medical students who had passed their Finals were out, and Bill's son Keith was well placed among them. Good cause for congratulation—and celebration!

THE Sick List is shorter than usual this month; but Rex Sanderson is on it — he is in the Mater Hospital, Newcastle. Asher Joel is also in the Mater, but the North Sydney Mater. To them, and to all other members on the List, our best wishes for a speedy recovery before the Festive Season.

MORE members returned from overseas: John Wars, back after his visit to U.S.A., England and the Continent; and Charles Eastment, who has been to the U.K.

JOHN BOWLES has been around his usual place in the Club recently, now nearly recovered from his recent illness.

D. FIN STEWART—the ever-green — is always particularly welcome; he has been in and out of the Club in the last few weeks.

ANNUAL RACE MEETING

1st & 2nd January, 1954

NOTICE

Members are advised that Ladies' Tickets issued for the year 1953-54 will admit Ladies to the Club's Race Meetings as shown on the back, also on Saturday, 2nd January, 1954.

M. D. J. DAWSON,
Secretary.



We Welcome a *Distinguished Christmas Visitor*

Every year, about this time, the Club admits a most distinguished and welcome Visiting Member. There is no ceremonial to mark his actual arrival; no peg is placed by Tom Coleman opposite his name to show his presence in the building. Because he is such an old friend, a friend indeed of 95 years standing in the Club, there is no formal approval by our Committee before he is granted every privilege we have at our disposal. In fact, so much a part of the familiar scene is he around this time of year that he can be here for quite a few days before we really recognise his presence.

BUT that presence is very tangible, nevertheless. Passing from group to group, he has a nod of friendship for this one, a handshake and a cheerful word for that. And, as he moves around, he exerts the same benign influence that years ago melted the heart of Scrooge; friendships seem richer, food and wine has added savour; every impulse is more generous, every word more kindly. And, just for a while, we are touched to believe "Peace on Earth, Goodwill toward Man."

For the Spirit of Christmas is here with us again.

And, because this Christmas feeling, that we used as children to give the personality of Father Christmas or Santa Claus, is so much a part of the Club scene this month, we have paused in this series of Club Personalities to delve a little instead into the story of this Saint who has come to personify the ancient feasting-time.

The robust gentleman we think of as Saint Nicholas — Santa Claus is the Dutch nick-name—has suffered many a metamor-

phosis since he lived in Greece about 300 A.D. Even his bones have not been allowed to rest in peace. Tradition, as well as some early records of the Christian Church, name him as a Bishop of Myra, in Lycia, saying he was imprisoned and persecuted in the time of the Emperor Diocletian, who held power from 284 to 296 A.D.

Proclamation of Constantine in 306 signalled a relaxation of most of the edicts against the Christian Church, and the presumption is that Nicholas was freed and returned to Lycia. However, he is not mentioned as present at the Council of Nicaea (Nice) in 325, when all the important leaders of the Church assembled to regularise the many variations that had arisen in the Christian belief—he may well have been dead, or too old to travel. But his essential saintliness must have been obvious to his contemporaries, for it was well established by 527 A.D. when Justinian built a church in his name at Constantinople. The good man was buried at Myra, but his bones were

seized by a band of zealous young men from Italy in 1034 A.D. and transported to Bari, in Apulia, where their presence greatly aided the local parish.

A few flashes remain of the original man: Tradition says he was wandering the streets one night in Myra when he found three young ladies apparently about to embark on a life of Sin. When he questioned them, they told him that no other course remained for them as their families were too poor to afford even the few pence that would have given them dowry for the lowliest marriage. So back the old man went to his house and returned with a bag of gold from his own very moderate wealth, which he divided among the three, leaving the money at the home of each without saying who it was from. Whether they married and lived happily ever after, history does not relate, but the good Saint's generous impulse has spun the thread from which the whole fabric of Christmas gifts has been woven.

Then there is the tale of the sailors who were in a stormy night on the Adriatic and thought they would never make port. To them appeared Saint Nicholas in the sky, raging at them for their lack of faith and at the wind for its boisterousness. The sailors were abashed and so apparently was the wind. From these two traditional tales, the Saint has been thought to be the special protector of children and of sailors; why he should

also help scholars and merchants is not so obvious, but he is often considered their patron.

Saint Nicholas' Day became established as December 6th through most of the Church by the ninth century. In the German-speaking countries, the story of the gifts to the three girls was commemorated with gifts among members of a family, and the idea spread to Holland. The Dutch took the custom across the Atlantic to their town of New Amsterdam that we now call New York, and it also passed over the English Channel to England. Somewhere this pleasant gift-giving got confused with the feasting and celebration of Christmas, and Saint Nicholas, with his Christmas presents was transferred to 25th December. In Germany, and in parts of Holland, December 6th is still the proper day for family gifts. Elsewhere, there is little of the Christmas giving as we know it, although in some countries they give family presents at New Year.

Christmas itself has had just as confused a history, but a far longer one. In all the Northern countries of the world, the tradition of celebrating the Winter Solstice — the turn of the year after which the "days get longer again" — goes back to the dawn of history. In England, before

Merry Christmas

**The Chairman
and Committee
wish all members
A MERRY CHRISTMAS
and a
HAPPY NEW YEAR**

the Romans, it was Modranicht — Mothers' Night — on December 25th; in Mediterranean countries, the peculiar religion of Mithras, most widespread in the early days of Christianity, celebrated on that day the Birthday of the Unconquered Sun.

In the early Christian Church, it was usual to centre the religious year around 25th March, the traditional date of Christ's crucifixion, following the custom of commemorating the death of persons rather than their birth-date.

The Philolacian Calendar of 336 A.D. makes the first mention of Christmas Day as the

25th December. The Eastern Christian Church celebrated the same day on 6th January, but the Western Church superimposed the day on the old Pagan Roman festival of "Sol Invictus." As Christianity spread north, Christmas also absorbed the ancient Yule festival of the Norsemen . . . a time of eating, drinking and ceremonial log-burning in honour of growing things and particularly trees, which were often decorated.

Pagan customs long persisted on Christmas Day and the Church countered by the presenting of plays, pageants and singing of the Nativity — the origin of Carols.

Whether all this mixed information will make you feel better when you examine your shattered pocket-book on December 26th, the writer does not know; at least, you will scarcely endorse Oliver Cromwell, who banned the celebration of Christmas completely by Act of Parliament in 1644; it was restored in England, but not in Scotland, by Charles II.

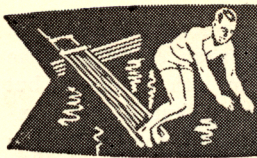
And you will be able, now you know something of his personal history, to carry on an intelligent conversation with our visiting member, Santa Claus, when he smiles that twinkling smile at you around Christmastime, and says, "Join me in a drink, friend."

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See the Secretary for further particulars.



IN AND OUT OF THE POOL

Handicapper John Gunton has Eye on the Leaders

Trevor Barrell had a runaway victory in the last Monthly Point Score but in doing so he lost a second of his handicap and is going to find it hard to win from now on.

BUT that is one of the penalties of success and at that he is not as badly off as Peter Williams, who won the first two races of the series then gave the Handicapper a jolt by swimming 2.3 seconds better than his standard.

Of course John Gunton had the last laugh by docking him a couple of seconds and Peter has been an "also ran" since then.

Barrell scored two firsts, a second and a third last month, and his tally of points was 28½ out of a possible 32, a pretty good effort.

The winner of the first Point Score of the season, Geoff Laforest, was second this time, level with Peter Williams and Stuart Murray, with John Dexter half a point astern.

There must be a bit of rivalry between the Williams brothers, Bill and Peter, as the former badly wanted to swim in a heat against his young brother. As he had to give Peter three seconds the officials said he wouldn't be in the race and decreed that they would not rig the draw.

Just as well, too, for the two met in the final anyway, and Bill did not make up much of the three seconds he handed Peter.

Now they will meet at a difference of only one.

With two months of the season gone it is opportune to run over the leaders in the Yearly Point Score and the survey shows that Geoff Laforest leads with 46 points, ahead of Trevor Barrell, 41½, and John Dexter, 40½.

Missing from the leading list are the leaders in last season's "Native Son" Point Score, Bill Kirwan and Fred Harvie, who are lying 23rd and 21st respectively.

Still, the Melbourne Cup and the Tennis cost Bill a few points and Fred Harvie reckons he's due for an uplift in handicap.

Two new members who were very welcome during the month were Messrs. M. Larkins and B. Wallace. The former got into a final first up but was fractious

at the barrier and was outed for getting away early. Since then he has made a certainty of not earning the Check Starter's displeasure.

Carl Phillips made his first appearance and won a heat in 20.6 secs., fastest winning time of the month, but could not turn up for the final.

After Carl's effort the best winning times were:—21.3, Ken Francis; 21.5, John Dexter (twice), Geoff Laforest (twice), Bill Williams; 21.8, Bob Harris.

Another newcomer in Hal Selle will soon take the water. He has had his time trial and should be an acquisition to the Swimming Club. Some time ago, Hal was a speedster with the University Club and our tip is that it will not be long before he is with the back markers.

Big event of December will be the annual Christmas Scramble on Tuesday, 22nd, when the usual teams and consolation races will be held with prizes consistent with festive season. Don't forget the date.

Results

10th November — 80 yards
Brace Relay Handicap: B. Chiene and P. Williams (47), 1; T. Barrell and H. Herman (53), 2; H. E. Davis and G. Laforest (44), 3. Time: 44.5 secs.

17th November — 40 yards
Handicap: 1st Division Final —

★ Don't forget

DECEMBER
22, 23 & 24

When there will be the usual ceremonies for the disposal of merchandise on the

FIRST FLOOR

C. Godhard (27) and T. Barrell (25), 1; J. O. Dexter (22), 3. Times: 26.2 and 24.2 secs. 2nd Division Final—P. Williams (25), 1; W. Williams (22), 2; R. Harris (22), 3. Time: 23 secs.

24th November — 80 yards Brace Relay Handicap: T. Barrell and K. Francis (47), 1; S. Murray and J. O. Dexter (45), 2; F. Clift and G. Shaw (48), 3. Time: 45.8 secs.

1st December—40 yards Handicap: 1st Division Final—G. Laforest (22), 1; S. Lorking (24), 2; T. Barrell (25), 3. Time: 21.5 secs. 2nd Division Final—J. O. Dexter (22), 1; K. Francis (22), 2; S. Murray (25), 3. Time: 21.5 secs.

November-December Points Score

This series resulted:—T. Barrell, 28½ points, 1; P. Williams, G. Laforest and S. Murray, 22, 2; J. O. Dexter, 21½, 5; K. Francis, 19, 6; C. Godhard, 18½, 7; R. Harris and A. McCamley, 18, 8; J. N. Creer, 17, 10; A. Stewart, 15, 11; A. Rennix, 14½, 12; B. Chiene, P. Lindsay, H. E. Davis, H. Herman and S. Lorking, 14, 13; A. Clift, 13½, 18.

1953-1954 Point Score

The leaders in this series, for all points scored during the season, up to the race held on 1st December, are:—G. Laforest 46, T. Barrell 41½, J. O. Dexter 40½, R. Harris 38, H. Herman 36, S. Murray 35, H. E. Davis 34½, C. Godhard 33½, A. McCamley 33, A. Rennix 32½, J. N. Creer 32, K. Francis 31, T. M. Wayland 30, P. Williams 30, F. Clift 27½, A. Stewart 27, B. Chiene 26, P. Lindsay 26, C. Hoole 23½, J. Shaffran 22½, F. Harvie 22, G. Boulton 21, W. Kirwan 21, M. Fuller 20, W. Kendall 20, S. Lorking 20.

Sad Passing of a Fine Australian Sportsman

Famous Australian sportsman, R. L. "Snowy" Baker, passed away in his Los Angeles home on 3rd December. It seems only a short while ago that he was entertained in the Club by his friends and admirers when he visited Australia in July last year.

THE Club will always bear him a particular debt of gratitude, for it was in part due to his efforts that affiliations were formed 21 years ago with clubs on the West Coast of the U.S.A.—and later in other parts.

During an outstanding sporting career in Australia, Snowy Baker became 100 and 220 yds. Open Swimming Champion of N.S.W. at the age of 13, and he played Rugby Union half-back for Eastern Suburbs and N.S.W. when he was 15.

At 16 he represented Australia against Great Britain as Rugby Union half-back.

A year later he became middleweight boxing champion of N.S.W. and at 18 he won the middleweight and heavyweight championships of Australasia on the one night.

Born in 1886, Reginald Leslie Baker was probably Australia's greatest all-round sportsman.

He was reputed to have played in 26 different sports.

He excelled in boxing, swimming, Rugby Union, football, cricket, polo, and mounted military games.

In 1908 he fought the famous English M.C.C. captain, J. W. H. T. (Johnny) Douglas for the Olympic middleweight championship at the London Games. Douglas got the decision on points, but the result has been disputed right up to to-day.



He was a leading athlete at Crown Street School and an all-schools track champion.

At Sydney University, where he studied engineering, he received blues for cricket, football, athletics, and rowing.

He won 40 individual swimming events and was only beaten by the great Dick Cavill for the Australian title.

His water polo team won State championships, and although no titles were then given for diving, he was considered the best in Australia.

He rowed four times in two years with championship rowing crews and received 25 firsts for wrestling on horseback when a member of the N.S.W. Light Horse.

Baker played international
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Knock-out Competition— *Progress Reports*

Quite a few of our members made the trek "South" during late October and early November, result of which Club fixtures were somewhat curtailed.

ENERGETIC Hon. Secretary, Alex. Buckle, despite many headaches, was able to push ahead with quite a number of "Knock-out" competitions during that period, the results of which were:

McDowell and Glynn, 17, defeated R. Ball and Tranior, 10. Sub. and A. Bavinton, 27, defeated J. Pick and C. Young, 21. T. Dwyer and J. Monroe, 35, defeated K. Ranger and W. Thomas, 15. Abbott and Relton, 33, defeated E. Davis and Kreiger, 12.

In the match, Commonwealth Bank and Tattersalls, after a keenly fought tussle, Banks emerged the winner by 25 points.

C. Young, F. Ahearn, Monroe and Bill McDonald (Tatts.), 14; Roper (Banks), 36. McDowell, Marshall, Plasto, Bloomfield (Tatts.), 18; Walker (Banks), 24. R. Mitchell, Stephenson, Dwyer, J. O'Neill (Tatts.), 25; James (Banks), 21. W. Hole, McGrath, Norbert-Jones, Hill (Tatts.), 23; Frey (Banks), 24.

A word of appreciation to Miss Gardiner for time devoted to the preparation of two "Knock-out"

programmes, and the valued assistance she has given to the Committee, also Ted Dewdney, for the many hours spent in writing "Bowling Notes." Owing to ill health, Ted has had to forgo this task, but he is taking an active part in the Club's activities once more.

It is rumoured that Ken Williams is negotiating a lease of Caramba, a recent winner of the "Wakeful Stakes." If successful, her next outing will possibly be at Double Bay, hitched to the heavy roller.

"Tatt's." bowlers are noted for their "Saville Row" appearance on the greens and no exception is Alan Turner, whom we understand, in addition to his new tie, is toying with the idea of a Cummerbund.

In the mid-week "Knock-out" competitions:

J. Grace (Insurance), 18, defeated A. Catto (C'wealth Bank), 16. H. McIntosh (Tatts.), 29, defeated A. Mitcheson (Commercial Trav.), 13. Les Fingleton (N.S.W. Golf), 25, defeated A. Martin (C'wealth Bank), 13. G. Byrn (Commercial Bank), 25,

defeated Norbert-Jones (Tatts.), 11. G. Webster (Cinema Ind.), 27, defeated G. McDonald (Lakes Golf), 15.

The Selector's task is an unenviable one, and on odd occasions slight criticisms are levelled at them, but it is generally agreed they do a good job as instanced the other day when quite a new recruit was asked in what position he would like to play in the "Rink," after slight hesitation he suggested as he was only a beginner, and not very good, he would like to play last.

We offer our congratulations to Alan Kippax on again making the Interstate team to tour Victoria, and from the North comes word that the "Whispering One" is enjoying his holiday with the Interstate side up that way.

With the advent of "shorts in sport," and the arrival in Australia of some of the world's leading fashion experts, including the designer of the much publicised "Gussie Shorts," Jack Monroe is all of a quiver lest Bowlers should follow the trend of fashion.

As we go to press, news is to hand that the "new recruit" is getting his Bowls away very smoothly and the "Clog" is frequently on the Kitty, no longer does the game appear all "Double-Dutch."



Club Championship Makes Good Start

The Handball Club would like to take this opportunity to wish a Happy Xmas to members and staff of Tattersall's Club. As the year 1953 draws to a close, we can look back on some very successful and happy competitions and social functions from which so much pleasure has been derived.

HOWEVER, we realise that it is only by the support of all members of our great Club that we are able to function so successfully. Members follow the progress of our competitions through the pages of this magazine; the committee co-operates with us to stage the events; the Secretary (David Dawson) is always helpful; the staff at all times assists in any way possible, particularly the trio on the 3rd Floor, Brian, Sid and Vic, and the boys on the Lunch Counter, Alf and Henry; so, in appreciation, we extend to all, our best wishes for a Happy Xmas and a Prosperous New Year.

At the moment, the Club Championships for all grades are in progress, and the following results have already been recorded:

A Grade

J. O. Dexter defeated Arthur McCamley, 21-12; 21-12.
E. E. Davis defeated Clarrie Woodfield, 21-11; 21-15.
Bruce Partridge defeated Fred Harvie, 23-22; 21-5.

B Grade

Eric Thompson defeated Edwin Penfold, 21-19; 21-18.
Eric Thompson defeated Gor-

don Boulton, 12-21; 21-16; 21-12.

John Shaffran defeated Bill Kirwan, 23-21; 6-21; 21-6.
Malcolm Fuller defeated Colin Chatterton, 21-17; 21-17.

C Grade

No games played yet.

All A Grade games progressed as expected. John Dexter defeated Arthur McCamley, 21-12; 21-12. The games were keenly contested and much closer than the scores indicate. Arthur played very well, but John was much too strong when the pressure was applied. A very nice game enjoyed by both players.

The Eddie Davis v. Clarrie Woodfield game resulted in a comfortable win for Eddie. Although Clarrie played very well, Eddie had no difficulty in emerging the winner 21-11; 21-15.

Bruce Partridge defeated Fred Harvie 23-22; 21-5. Bruce, who was in one of his devastating moods, hit the ball with such speed that he was practically invincible. It was hard luck for Fred to meet him on one of these days.

In the B Grade, a very interesting competition is unfolding, and already several surprises

have occurred, one of which was Bill Kirwan's defeat by John Shaffran. Bill was regarded as one of the favourites for the B Grade — but John, playing as he has never done before, won an exciting contest 23-21; 5-21; 21-6.

Eric Thompson continues on his victorious way. Promoted to B Grade for winning the "Winooka Trophy" Competition, he has won both contests played. His defeat of Gordon Boulton was full of merit and he could go on to win this grade.

Malcolm Fuller is also a surprise packet. Colin Chatterton was a "Hot Pot" to win over Malcolm, but in a very exciting contest, Malcolm triumphed in straight sets by 21-17; 21-17. Rivalry amongst the B Graders is so keen that their competition looks like stealing the show from the A Graders, and a most exciting final is expected.

Personal

A party of Handball Club members thought it might be a good idea to have a little Xmas "do" with their wives. As a result, a party was arranged one Saturday night recently, comprising Arthur and Linda McCamley; Peter and May Lindsay; Harry and Hilda Davis; Stewart and June Murray; Bob and Pearl Adams. The Rendezvous: 4th Floor of Tattersall's Club. A very happy evening enjoyed by all.

On the same night, my spy saw another Handballer enjoying the Club's hospitality with his wife. Whom do you think? Zaide Lazarus and his charming wife.

Good News!

I hear that Vic Richards has left hospital and is making good progress. Also that Bob Withycombe is on the mend again. Let's hope it will not be long before we see them both in the Club again.

ALUINN . . .

A New Stud that's made its Mark



Aluinn Stud, at Roxburgh, in the upper part of the Hunter Valley, is one of the newer establishments, begun with no ambition other than to breed a horse or two for racing; but has now developed into one of the most successful studs in that part of New South Wales, a part made famous by many large and successful studs over the years.

SOME time previously, French bred Genetout had been imported for racing in the colours of the famous trio, E. L. Baillieu, A. W. Thompson and "Mr. Constable."

On his retirement, Genetout had been used at St. Aubin's Stud, Scone, but only with moderate success.

"Mr. Constable"—in business circles, the late Fred J. Smith—had other ideas. For one thing, he was an ardent admirer of the

progeny of the great brood mare, Plucky Liege, and Plucky Liege was represented in the pedigree of Genetout through Sir Galahad III, the sire of his dam.

His beliefs that Genetout would achieve top-class ranking if mated with suitable imported mares was shared by Mr. D. F. H. Packer, with whom he had raced several horses.

And so ten years ago, Aluinn, then a dairying property, was bought, and Genetout was shifted to his new location.



Fred Smith did not live to see the real success of the project.

It has taken time to develop and to sort out the strains best suited to Genetout's bloodlines, but the success of the original planning was emphasised in the last season's racing.

Genetout, now 20 years old, was third in the winning sires list with 28 winners of 53½ races, and £41,748 in stakes. It is the closest he has been to the top, even though each year he was usually in the top flight of stallions standing in Australia.

Aluinn is on country eminently suitable for the rearing of horses.

There are the river flats for the growing of hay, and the uplands over which the yearlings can run, developing bone and muscle to carry them through their racing careers.

Again, figures tell the story. At the last yearling sales Aluinn sold 13 yearlings for a total of 10,590 guineas. Top price was 1,800 guineas and the average 814 guineas. This average placed Aluinn fourth in the list below Kia Ora Stud, Carrington Stud, and Woodlands Stud. Only seven studs had an aggregate of 10,000 guineas or more.

Four years ago Genetout's best son, Columnist, was retired to Aluinn in competition with Genetout.

Columnist was one of the best horses of his year, winning the Caulfield Cup and suffering defeat with 9.7 in the Sydney Cup in a photo finish which showed him beaten by Dark Marne by about three-quarters of an inch.

Altogether, Columnist won

£29,305 in stakes and created course records for 1m. 5f. at Flemington with 9.8 and for nine furlongs at Caulfield with 9.0.

In Columnist Genetout has a worthy rival. In fact, it was a colt by Columnist — a chestnut from an imported mare, Port Dombey—who topped the Aluinn draft at the last sales at 1,800 guineas.

Second highest bid was 1,050 gns., paid appropriately enough, for a full brother to Columnist by Genetout from Pen Name.

In his first season at the stud, Columnist was given six of the stud's imported mares among his mates.

These mares have breeding which it was considered would nick with the St. Simon strain carried by Genetout through Vatout and Prince Chimay, and carried by Columnist, both through Genetout and through his maternal descent.

Cineraria (imp.) has the Sundridge sire line grafted on to the strain of the great mare, Cinna.

Cineraria is half-sister to Beau Pere, Mr. Standfast, and Balloch, all sires of note in Australia and New Zealand.

Sundela (imp.) comes from Pretty Polly, which is the family of Foxbridge (imp.), Tehran, and many other horses of note.

Moon Dance (imp.) is closely related to Cineraria, and Port Dombey is half-sister to the stud success, Felcerag (imp.).

The selection of Australian mares for the Stud was made with just as much planning.

It is with this material that studmaster Frank Packer and his chief executive, Bert Bogan, plan the matings for the sires.

It will be a year or two before Columnist's potential as a sire to carry on Aluinn's success can be determined.

All that shows so far is his ability to sire stock with attractive conformation as racehorses. Trainers who are handling the first crop of two-year-olds this season are happy enough with the prospects.



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The Pony and Its History

Although the great days of the "Pony Races" are now past, ponies are always well represented at Sydney's Royal Agricultural Show, and the competition among the various heights is full of interest to the lovers of these small animals, who may be described as the "handy men" of the equine race.

THE pony is the servant-of-all-work, the whipping-block on which boys and girls learn to ride, and the ready resource in any emergency.

The Shetland Pony

Strictly speaking, a pony is one of a tribe reared for untold generations on mountains and moorlands, without shelter and without food other than the natural herbage. The true pony is bred because nothing of a greater size can be reared under these circumstances of soil and climate. The accepted height of a pony is 14.2 hands or under, but where a pony under 12 hands is required, the Shetland breed is rarely excelled. In the Shetland Isles the soil and the climate make it impossible to breed a large animal of any kind, whether ox, sheep, or horse. Sir Walter Gilbery, a well-known

English authority on the Shetland pony, wrote: "The breed exists distinct and uncontaminated by the blood of any alien race, except in one or two districts, and in the latter case there is no difficulty in distinguishing between the original and the crossbred animal, as the latter is in all cases larger than the pure breed. Within the limited area of Shetland the smaller-sized ponies will be found. This diminutive size is indicative of the influence of centuries of exposure in a rigorous climate upon generations of the breed, and consequent hard living; for in the districts referred to they have little food but that which they can find on the heathery hillsides and in the sedgy bogs."

The height of the pure Shetland pony is about 10 hands (40 inches). This can be taken as a

fair average, although many exceed this standard, and numbers are as small as 9 hands; some even may be found measuring not more than 8 hands, or 32 inches. The Shetland is docile, easily trained to domesticated use when kindly treated, and being hardy and muscular, he is capable of enduring much drudgery. Having good feet, he is sure-footed when climbing mountains, and at the same time sagacious in making his way through bogs and swamps. The colour varies from bay, brown and dun to dullish black, and sometimes these colours are mixed with white; a few specimens may be found which are pure white or piebald. The ponies have coats of long hair, which become thicker and get matted upon them during the cold and boisterous weather.

Exmoor Ponies

The Exmoor pony is a miniature cart-horse. The average height is 12 hands; the colour generally dark bay; wide forehead and nostril, mealy nose,



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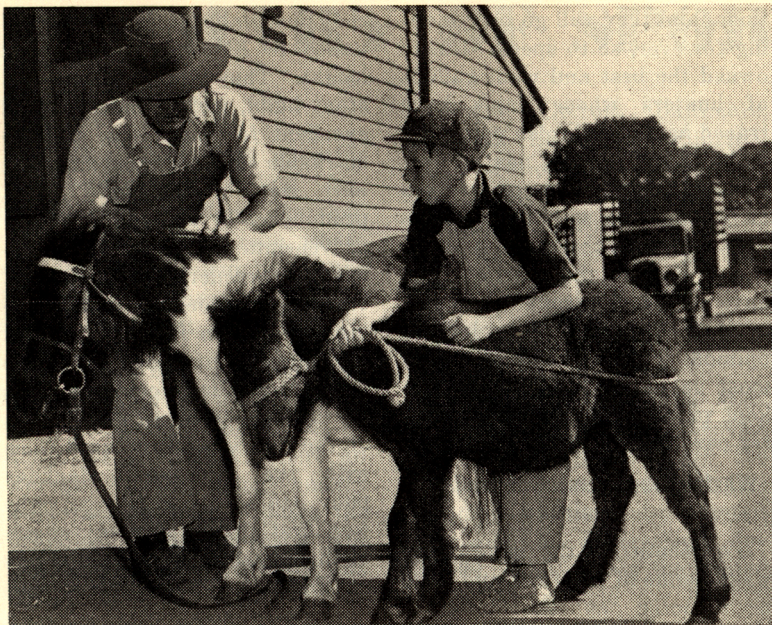
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Two enthusiasts preparing their Shetlands for the Royal Show.
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and black points; small sharp ears, good shoulders and back; short legs with good spine; fair action, and ready at any time to jump a five-bar gate. Too often the Exmoor pony is spoiled in breeding; when treated with roughness the ponies are nervous and shy. Gentleness and kind treatment are needed and then a child can ride them. In the old days of single or double harness it is really wonderful the amount of work and the long journeys that were performed by them, and their speed would test the pluck of many good horses.

Welsh Ponies

At the close of the eighteenth century Welsh ponies ran on the hills and existed only on what these afforded in the way of food till they were three years old, when they were usually sold. Prior to that time the breed had greatly deteriorated in size and shape from an utter neglect as to stallions, all of which were

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the breed, blood stallions were brought from England. They were only of the best stamp and shape and very great improvement was soon effected and greatly increased prices were obtained for the drafts. At the present time there are two classes of Welsh ponies — those of 12 hands high, for use in the galleries of the mines, and those of 15 hands.

An English pony authority who writes under the pen-name of "Borderer," says, "If any proof were wanting of the thoroughbredness of the real Welsh pony, it will be found in the fact that, cross them how you like, it is very difficult to eradicate the true type of the pony. Those little, short, prick ears, bold eye, and strong hide come out again and again in future genera-

tions, and they will go on galloping for ever, so to speak. I have owned the best and most gallant of hunters whose dams have traced back to a Welsh pony. To make them fall was next to impossible. All sorts of crosses have been tried with varying success. The cob, the trotting horse, the Arab, and the thoroughbred have all been introduced to improve the pony, but in my humble opinion the pony is per se the most valuable, if only it can be kept pure and improved by better care and culture."

Westmorland and Cumberland Ponies

For centuries the moors and waste lands of Westmorland have been noted as the breeding grounds for horses, galloways, and ponies. Their early history is unknown, but they have long enjoyed a high reputation for useful service and endurance. The "Fell" or "Dale" ponies, as

they are called, stand from 13 hands to 13 hands 2 inches in height. They are of strong and stout build, with good head and excellent feet and legs, and remarkable bone for their size. The sort was brought into great prominence by the wonderful improvements carried out by Westmorland breeder, Christopher W. Wilson. By selection and breeding Mr. Wilson founded a breed of ponies unsurpassed for shape and action. He selected as dams the best specimens of pony mares of the district and crossed them with the celebrated Hackney pony stallion, Sir George, who won first prizes at many shows of the Royal Agricultural Society of England. This stallion was bred in Yorkshire, having a strain of the old Norfolk blood. The female offspring of this union were again put to their sire, and the Hackney blood appeared in intensified form. "The Wilson Pony" became famous for its hunter-like make and shape. At public sales very high prices were given for specimens of this breed; at one sale six pony mares averaged £721 each, and a yearling filly out of one of the mares made 900 guineas.

New Forest Ponies

The New Forest breed of ponies has shared substantially in the revival of interest in all matters connected with horses. In 1891 was formed an association for the improvement of the breed, and at the inaugural meeting of the society a paper on the subject was read by Mr. W. J. C. Moens, who expressed the opinion that it was more than probable that this variety is the survival of the indigenous stock which before the time of Canute, was found in the district called Ytene, but afforested and termed the New Forest by William the Conqueror.

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SUMMARY OF SPORTS TOPICS

TROTTING IN U.S.

A SMART New York operator recently had a bright idea, and it went something like this, "Give a man a horse race, where at night he can recoup the money lost that afternoon. In this town it can't but succeed.

Succeed it has. Night trotting is the latest boom sport to take all America, and Canada, too, by storm. In New York, where an average 40,000 money-hungry people nightly push through the turnstiles at the Roosevelt and Yonkers Raceways, the sport has jumped from an obscure entertainment to a million-dollar industry.

In Canada, because of the sudden wildfire boom that took even the sport's officials by surprise, no clear picture can be obtained of why it happened. All the promoters and track shareholders want to know anyway, is that this year more than £12,500,000 will be poured into the bookies' and totalisators' coffers.

And to make sure the owners and drivers will maintain their interest, the Canadians have announced a record total prize-money of just over £1 million for the season.

This is the first time trotting ever worried the big time racing men. Although the present average New York betting turnover at the trots is around £500,000 a meeting (about half the average at a New York daytime race meeting), it is sufficiently high to be regarded as taking some of the money away from the races.

The same growing resentment (perhaps jealousy) has been noticed in and around Chicago,

Cleveland, Detroit, Baltimore, Saratoga, Boston, Washington, D.C., and enough other communities, big or otherwise, to back the claim of trotting pluggers, "America's fastest growing sport."

There are now 500 trotting tracks in America.

America and Canadian stallions have suddenly become sought-after prizes by the wealthy European breeders. One Canadian stallion, Allen Winter, was sold to Switzerland for £30,000. And, within the United States, Ariom sold for £62,500 and Axtell for £53,000.

Why the boom in night harness

racing interest across the two nations?

No. 1 reason appears to lie in putting the sport under good lights to operate at night in or near heavily-populated centres where there are so many people seeking entertainment in the evenings and well equipped with money to get it.

Add the good odds tote betting and the ingenious Mobile Starting Gate behind which all runners get a flying start, eliminating the endless recalls of yesteryear, and you have a rather well-founded set of reasons. But there's an even greater psychological point.

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Newcastle Tattersalls Holds Successful Meeting

THE regular meetings now held by our fellow-club in Newcastle have achieved something of a reputation among the members who travel the hundred miles North to be present — a reputation for hospitality as well as for well-conducted racing. Or perhaps the emphasis should be the other way around!

On Saturday, 21st November, Bill Sellen, George Chiene and son Bruce, Tim Berlyn and secretary Dave Dawson made the pilgrimage, and were amply rewarded. The day's sport was of the best, with good fields in eight events and results showing moderate success to the careful punter. Alan Cooper's Tea Towel won the Northern Cup, the principal event of the day, with a remarkable run to beat Royal Fun by three-quarters of a length.

The party enjoyed the usual friendly hospitality of our friends in Newcastle, particularly Dave Mackie, his sons Bill and Ted, President Garrick Fitzpatrick, Vice-President Eric Smith and, of course, secretary Brian O'Donnell. Rex Sander-son and Harry Hayes were there, too, lending their support to make the trip one of the most enjoyable yet.

The week-end was completed by a trip up the Hunter Valley on the Sunday to visit St. Aubins, Kia-Ora, and Alabama Studs.

Apart from the grateful thanks of our members, who were so hospitably entertained, the President, Vice-President, Committee and Secretary of Newcastle Tattersalls have earned every commendation for the good organising of their Meetings since they were started again a couple of years ago.

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On the big racing tracks, even with binoculars and with no capable announcer to describe proceedings, most punters find it difficult to follow their own horse. But on a half-mile track, under 200 spotlights, the harness racers start right in front of the punter, pass again halfway in the race and finish right in front of him.

That means constant cheering as the punters follow their money all the way around.

Canada, more so than U.S.A., has been swamped with the trotting fever. There are more than 100 tracks operating in Ontario, even more in Quebec, 35 in the Prairie Provinces and three in British Columbia. In addition, there are more than 20 operating in Prince Edward Island, Nova

Scotia and New Brunswick, under jurisdiction of the United States Trotting Association.

One measure of the New York tracks' successes lies in the story of a radio announcer who was offered a job at the Roosevelt Raceway several years back when it was a young track trying to make its way in a horse-running world. The job was to pay £25 a week in cash and another £25 in stocks. But the announcer insisted on the whole £50 in cash. If he had accepted the original offer his few hundred dollars stock for that season alone would now be worth more than £100,000.

BOXING

THE British Boxing Board of Control hopes to clear up in 1954 the tangle in Empire titles, which is causing heated debates

in several parts of the Commonwealth.

Britain wants to set up an Empire Championship Committee with headquarters in London.

On it would be official representatives of each country concerned.

The controlling bodies in South Africa, Canada, New Zealand and the Gold Coast and other parts of the Empire have been asked to give their views on the plan.

But no letter has been sent to Australia.

"There isn't any board or commission exercising control over boxing in Australia, so there is nobody there we could ask to appoint a representative," said Mr. Teddy Waltham, secretary of the British Boxing Board.

"If others agreed to the plan for an Empire Committee, we would go direct to the Australian High Commissioner at Australia House and ask him to appoint a man to act on the committee."

The Empire lightweight situation is the most complete tangle of all, and the one in which Australia is most interested.

The British Boxing Board refuses to recognise any claimants for the title, which they declared vacant after Frank Johnson had weighed in overweight last June for a title defence against southpaw Joe Lucy.

In Australia, Stadiums Ltd. claimed that the British Board had no power to declare an Empire title vacant and that titles were won or lost in the ring.

So Johnson went to Australia, where he was twice beaten by Pat Ford, Australia's version of Empire lightweight champion.

Lucy, who outpointed Johnson in the overweight match, has since captured Johnson's vacant British lightweight crown in the

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ring and is seeking a match with Tony Habib in South Africa for the Empire title.

And in Canada, Arthur King still maintains he has never lost or forfeited the title he won in the ring at Manchester in 1948.

Australia's best hope of making Ford's claim to the Empire title secure would appear to be by matching King with him.

QUIST ON DAVIS CUP

CHANCES in the Davis Cup Challenge Round on December 28, 29 and 30, are still even, despite the defeats of the United States players in the N.S.W. and Victorian championships.

Challenge Round "nerves" will give the visitors much better prospects than form alone would indicate.

On form, an Australian team consisting of Lewis Hoad, Ken Rosewall, Mervyn Rose and Rex Hartwig would beat the United States.

On form, Rosewall and Hoad, who are playing magnificently, would win all four singles.

But, in Challenge Round tennis, atmosphere and its effect on the players have to be weighed against ability.

The Americans, Vic Seixas and Tony Trabert, have both experienced this atmosphere; Hoad and Rosewall will be feeling its effects for the first time.

Imagine a youngster walking on to a court to play his first match for the Davis Cup before 17,000 people, knowing that failure may end his country's supremacy in the game.

If you can imagine that, you can understand how that youngster can become so tight and

tense that even the easiest of balls look difficult.

The Lawn Tennis Association of Australia sent Hoad, Rosewall, and other members of Australia's Davis Cup squad on their long tour this year so they could gain experience and learn to control pre-match nerves.

But unless this experience can be co-ordinated with their natural skill, Hoad and Rosewall will suffer in the Challenge Round.

One of their likely opponents, Seixas, played well enough to win Wimbledon and reach the finals of the French and American championships this year, although he failed in the N.S.W. and Victorian titles.

Further, he is 30 years of age—a seasoned campaigner who will not be so severely effected by nervous tension as his younger opponents.

Trabert, like Seixas, has played through Challenge Round matches, and he also will be mentally easier when he takes the centre court at Kooyong for the vital series.

Hoad and Rosewall will have to produce the highest grade of tennis to beat these two.

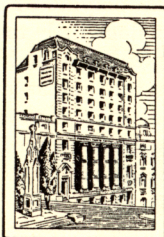
It is a tough assignment for two 19-year-olds, but they have the ability to do it.

The public, after watching them play the best tennis to date in the Australian season, could justifiably form the impression that Australia will win again.

But tremendous importance must be attached to the draw for the first day's singles.

Hoad, to date, has not beaten Seixas, although he is playing

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more soundly at present than the American.

If Seixas could register a first singles win for America this would throw enormous responsibility on Rosewall in his match against Trabert.

In my opinion, winning the Challenge Round simply depends on the ability of our two youngsters to play the same game they have been producing in tournaments.

If the occasion is too great and they "tighten up," then they could lose.

If they master the butterflies in their stomachs then they will put forward a herculean effort to win.

The Americans know they can play better than they have so far, and they soon will be playing the Belgians under conditions similar to those they will experience in the Challenge Round.

But they rightly feel they will win this match, and the nervous strain will be minute compared to the Challenge Round.

I believe that Seixas and Trabert will improve 25 per cent. and that a few days before the Challenge Round they will have reached their top form.

HASSETT ON CRICKET

THIS year will be all-important for Australian cricket. It will be the first season for years in which the Sheffield Shield competition will be completely uninterrupted by an international series.

It will be a season which will give many opportunities to the younger players who will form the Australian XI which we hope

will regain the Ashes for this country.

The Sheffield Shield competition is without doubt the best internal cricket competition in the world. Because the five competing teams are so evenly matched, the class of cricket played is higher by far than the average class of county cricket in England.

The first-class cricketers in Australia are divided into five teams. The English county system divides its first-class players into 19 teams, and it stands to reason that some of these teams must be fairly weak.

It would not be unreasonable to say that the four best club teams in both Melbourne and Sydney would be more than a match for the four weakest county teams in England.

The continual playing of international series does little to build up the strength of a country's cricket. Interstate teams are so weakened that the Australian selectors have little to work on, and they are forced to a large extent to carry on with their old players, with perhaps only two or three changes during the season.

During this Sheffield Shield season the eyes of both players

and selectors will be directed towards England's 1954-55 visit to us. As there are 30 or 40 players who, we know, are capable of rising to international form, it will not be surprising if our next representative team contains many new names.

The question of an opening bat to partner Arthur Morris is sure to arise. Colin McDonald had an unfortunate season in England. On those early bad wickets he failed to find form but he did study his weaknesses and went to the trouble to try to correct them.

He changed his stance a little and concentrated more on getting closer to the ball when playing his shots. He was fast regaining confidence and incidentally looking a better player than ever before when he hurt his knee.

A knee injury is not an easy thing to cure quickly and by the time McDonald had recovered it was too late for his inclusion in the Test team.

I think the coming season will prove that he is quite capable of being a No. 1 for his country.

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He is bound to have strong opposition from young openers who are almost sure to develop during the season.

Incidentally, I do think that selectors of future teams for England should include, provided their claims are reasonable, three batsmen who have had the experience of facing the new ball.

The loss through injury, or lack of form, of one of two opening batsmen can cause such disruption in the Test team that the whole efficiency of its batting strength can be materially affected.

In the last touring team the loss of McDonald forced the selectors to open with Hole in the First Test.

Hole was not altogether inexperienced in this role, as he had been an opener for his club team earlier in his career. However, although he was keen enough to open, his lack of practice against world-class opening bowlers proved too great a handicap.

It could easily be claimed that his failure in that one match detrimentally affected the well-earned confidence he had built in himself as a No. 5, and thus could easily have also affected the performance of the team as a whole.

Hole has the ability to represent Australia not only well but brilliantly for many years, but once again a conscientious personal campaign on concentration and determination would not be out of place.

I keep harping on this concentration, but players will find out that it will not be the batsman who makes the odd 60 or 70 brilliantly in Shield cricket who will be chosen to play against England—it will be the player who has scientifically and diligently built up a frame of mind which will prevent his losing his wicket through carelessness. And this

does not mean that stroke play must be sacrificed.

Some people have asked why I did not open instead of Hole with Morris in the First Test. Well, I thought I would be of more value to the team lower down. I feared that by opening I might leave the centre of the batting a bit brittle.

SWIMMING

FROM now on in this country the going will be tough for potential Olympic swimmers—and a darned side tougher for the parents. Have a look at the world scene and you'll understand what I'm getting at.

Conditioning rather than style was first emphasised in Australia during the 1947-48 season when the Professor Cotton-Forbes Carlisle group led the Olympic possibles, and later the team, through a maze of hot baths, blood counts, percentage efforts, &c. Two Queenslanders, Nancy

Lyons and Denise Spencer, were in that bunch and spent most of the season away from home.

It was almost the same programme over again in 1951-52 and the Helsinki squad topped off with six weeks at Townsville under coach Anne Timmermans. Queensland representative, Nancy Lyons, and some of the Victorians, made Sydney their headquarters for most of the season's training and all covered miles and miles each day. Eat, sleep and swim was the order of the summer.

To be considered as Olympic hopes the youngsters have to work like that, and Barry Darke's training jaunts have staggered the old-timers. Five miles daily is now commonplace! School authorities don't like it, and recently the N.S.W. Headmistresses' Association was outspoken. Their secretary instanced the case of a 14-year-

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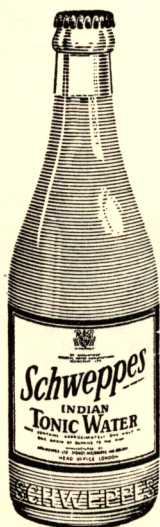
SPORTS TOPICS—

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old girl who swims five to seven miles before school each day on six days a week.

Already the heat is on for next year's Empiad in Canada and the 1956 Olympiad at Melbourne. Our 1956 squad probably will train at Rockhampton, Central Queensland, but think of what the poor kids will go through before selection. And there'll be no consolation prizes!

Two Queenslanders are in the picture this time, Cyrus Weld and Janice Munro. Both join the Harry Gallagher squad in Sydney early next year, Cyrus hoping for a National backstroke win and the Canada trip. Jan will concentrate on the 1956 selection. Last season she took the National junior 220 yards title, but coach Gallagher has since stepped up her daily training schedule by a big margin.



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Weld was in Sydney most of last season, missed a place in freestyle events, but was second in the National backstroke 100.

On times he's the best freestyler Queensland has produced, but with a senior university examination coming up in November, has given training his weekends only. Study to 10.30 p.m. after a schoolday doesn't help a growing lad face hard training the next day at 6 a.m., but maybe that's expected.

Don't blame the coaches. They've got to hold the overseas pace if we are to score at Melbourne in 1956, and in his official report, Helsinki swim manager, Sid Grange, had told how hot that pace really is.

Two Australians, John Davies, Olympic breaststroke winner, and John Marshall, were in the 1952 Olympic team which finished off its preparation with four weeks at Yale University in June, 1952. Davies' aggregate for the period was 67,000 metres butterfly, 40,000 metres kicking and 10,000 metres with legs tied. Flat out trials come on top of that.

Marshall, from December, 1951, to March, 1952, averaged six miles daily in two sessions. He then settled down to the 1,500 metres course with wind-sprint efforts. Just in case you're not sure of wind-sprints, here's a typical Marshall schedule after the long work: 33 separate dashes over 50 yards at rest intervals of 15 seconds! Our John was averaging a daily eight miles by May, 1952.

Ford Konno, who won the 1,500 metres at Helsinki, just paddled around during the academic year to the extent of a daily 2½ miles, plus an hour's kicking and about 10 sprints over 100 metres. In the vacation he really got going and covered from 10 to 12 miles each day.

The Hungarian girls, who won four of the five Helsinki Olym-

pic championships, lived and trained together for the season. Eva Szekely, a breaststroke winner and world's 400 metres medley record holder, keeps to a yearly minimum of 360 miles.

Something like that went on in Japan, France, Holland, Denmark and even in the United Kingdom with modifications. How the youngsters worked or studied is a mystery, and your guess is as good as mine.

In the U.S.A., talent scouts guide promising swimmers to the colleges and universities with their bursaries, indoor pools, gymnasiums and highly paid coaches. The rest is easy, and explains why all the U.S.A. 1952 Olympians came from the seats of learning.

How different in Australia where the burden falls mainly on parents. The position is bad enough when the youngsters are of school and State championship standards, but imagine what it's like when the Olympic level is reached.

BREEDING

VILLIERS Stakes favourite, Raconteur, is very much Australian bred and apparently has gained a little of the best from all the families with which he is connected.

His pedigree abounds with some of the most famous strains in the Australian Stud Book — strains that have produced sprinters and stayers, classic and major handicap winners.

It would be a formidable list indeed to put them together and no real purpose would be served by it.

It has not been success all the way down the line, not by any means.

When Heroic was mated with Real One there was reason to expect a good galloper.

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Looking Back on Tattersall's Club

★ **December, 1932**

THE close of 1932 saw prosperity "just around the corner" — the magazine of December, 1932, reflects a spirit of optimism more genuine than the forced and false hopes of the two previous years. Carefully conned by a long-sighted committee, the Club had weathered the vicissitudes of the depression years; membership was steady about 1,900, but there was a constant drive among members to bring their friends into the fold. The dining-room had been altered and enlarged during the year, but it was not until 1934 that it was enlarged again to take its present position on the fourth floor. An innovation was the acceptance of lady guests for lunch. Apart from those few changes, 1932 had been a year of preserving the gains made in previous and more prosperous times.

THE social side of the Club was active indeed in December, 1932. Main event was probably the Swimming Carnival, held actually just before the start of the month; it was a dual affair, with an inter-club challenge competition between ourselves, The Spit and University Clubs, followed by an 100 yards scratch race in which several of the State's best sprinters competed. A 300 yard handicap finished a most memorable evening.

THE Inter-Club swimming was won by The Spit, University second and ourselves a close third. The 100 yards scratch

race was most exciting—Arthur Besomo, ex-State champion, won his heat from the holder, Phil Hooper of Randwick and Coogee, in the pool record time of 56 seconds. In the final, Hooper turned the tables, beating Besomo and Bruce Hodgson by a touch. Vic Hunter, off 46 secs., just managed to take the 300 yard handicap — they were giants for punishment in those robust days — from Vic Besomo off 5. There were other events, too, including a diving display—and at 9.30 everyone tramped up to the dining-room for supper and a concert. What an evening!

ON December 14, 1932, the Club Room was crowded to watch the solemn handing-over of the David Craig Cup to the Chairman, Bill Hill, for our success in the Inter-Club Games of 1932 — we had won the series in a play-off against C.T.A. It must have been a fine evening—we had as guests many of the players from the other clubs in the competition, and there was ample cause for congratulation and celebration by winners and losers alike. To round off the evening there was a concert and variety items until the night was well advanced.

OTHER events of December, 1932, included the special Christmas Day Dinner and entertainment in the dining-room; and the usual New Year's Eve Dinner and Dance after the Club's Randwick Meeting.

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Sydney Turf Club (Rosehill)	Sat.	16
Sydney Turf Club (Rosehill)	Sat.	23
*Australian Jockey Club	Sat.	30

FEBRUARY

*Australian Jockey Club	Mon.	1
* (Anniversary Meeting)		
Australian Jockey Club	Wed.	3
Australian Jockey Club	Sat.	6
Sydney Turf Club (Canterbury)	Sat.	13
Sydney Turf Club (Canterbury)	Sat.	20
Sydney Turf Club (Rosehill)	Sat.	27

MARCH

A.J.C. (Warwick Farm)	Sat.	6
Sydney Turf Club (Canterbury)	Sat.	13
Sydney Turf Club (Canterbury)	Sat.	20
A.J.C. (Warwick Farm)	Sat.	27

APRIL

A.J.C. (Warwick Farm)	Sat.	3
Sydney Turf Club (Rosehill)	Sat.	10
*Australian Jockey Club	Sat.	17
*Australian Jockey Club	Mon.	19
*Australian Jockey Club	Wed.	21
*Australian Jockey Club	Sat.	24
* (Autumn Meeting)		
Australian Jockey Club	Mon.	26

MAY

City Tattersall's (Randwick)	Sat.	1
Sydney Turf Club (Canterbury)	Sat.	8
A.J.C. (Warwick Farm)	Sat.	15
Tattersall's Club (Randwick)	Sat.	22
Sydney Turf Club (Canterbury)	Sat.	29

JUNE

Sydney Turf Club (Rosehill)	Sat.	5
*Australian Jockey Club	Sat.	12
*Australian Jockey Club	Mon.	14
* (Winter Meeting)		
Sydney Turf Club (Canterbury)	Sat.	19
A.J.C. (Warwick Farm)	Sat.	26

JULY

A.J.C. (Warwick Farm)	Sat.	3
Sydney Turf Club (Canterbury)	Sat.	10
Sydney Turf Club (Canterbury)	Sat.	17
Sydney Turf Club (Rosehill)	Sat.	24
Sydney Turf Club (Rosehill)	Sat.	31

AUGUST

*Australian Jockey Club	Mon.	2
* (Bank Holiday Meeting)		
Sydney Turf Club (Canterbury)	Sat.	7
Sydney Turf Club (Canterbury)	Sat.	14
A.J.C. (Warwick Farm)	Sat.	21
Sydney Turf Club (Rosehill)	Sat.	28

SEPTEMBER

Sydney Turf Club (Canterbury)	Sat.	4
Tattersall's Club (Randwick)	Sat.	11
Sydney Turf Club (Rosehill)	Sat.	18
Sydney Turf Club (Rosehill)	Sat.	25

OCTOBER

*Australian Jockey Club	Sat.	2
*Australian Jockey Club	Mon.	4
*Australian Jockey Club	Wed.	6
*Australian Jockey Club	Sat.	9
* (Spring Meeting)		
City Tattersall's (Randwick)	Sat.	16
Sydney Turf Club (Canterbury)	Sat.	23
Australian Jockey Club	Sat.	30

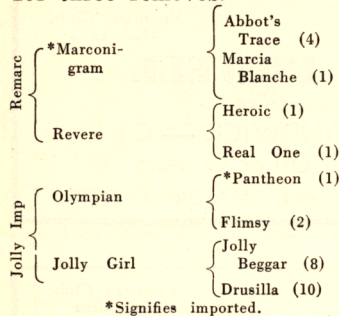
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Australian Jockey Club	Sat.	27

DECEMBER

Sydney Turf Club (Rosehill)	Sat.	4
Sydney Turf Club (Rosehill)	Sat.	11
*Australian Jockey Club	Sat.	18
*Australian Jockey Club	Mon.	27
* (Summer Meeting)		

This is Raconteur's pedigree for three removes.



Heroic was an outstanding racehorse and sire, and Real One was sister to the great racehorse Amounis, still one of the top stake-winners in Australian history.

The result was Revere, which was of very little account indeed.

But in Remarc, Revere produced a galloper capable of creating an Australian time record of 2 min. 2 sec. for a mile and a quarter at Flemington.

Remarc's female line comes from the imported mare Chand Bee Bee from whom have come Piastre, Prince Standard, Modulation, Beckwith and Garrio to recall a few of the best.

Olympian, the sire of Raconteur's dam, has an Australian background for 85 years.

In female descent the last imported mare in his pedigree was the French-bred Azema, foaled in 1868.

She was brought here, no doubt, because her second dam was three-quarter sister to Clemence, the grand-dam of Carbine.

Azema is ancestress of many outstanding gallopers, among them Melodrama, which won successive Epsom Handicaps, and Triode, which won the V.R.C. Oaks, and Boz, Caulfield Cup.

Jolly Beggar goes back to the famous imported mare, Lady Chester, which began her career by producing the mighty Chester, and whose latest descendant of note is the Melbourne Cup winner Hiraji.

Jolly Imp comes from an equally illustrious Australian family.

She comes from Rosedale, which was bred in 1873, and imported as a brood mare.

Her descendants include Poseidon, Windbag, Loquacious, Feminist, Bobrikoff, Waltzing Lily and many others.

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polo matches in Australia and America. He was 59 years old when he captained a Californian team to victory.

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After the London Olympic Games in 1908, Baker, with his brother Harald, bought Sydney Stadium from U. D. McIntosh, and formed the company of Stadiums Ltd.

A car smash, which caused a spinal injury kept him out of World War I.

Baker later went to America and for 15 years managed the Riviera Country Club at Santa Monica, California, where he was often host to Club members visiting the States.

OBITUARIES

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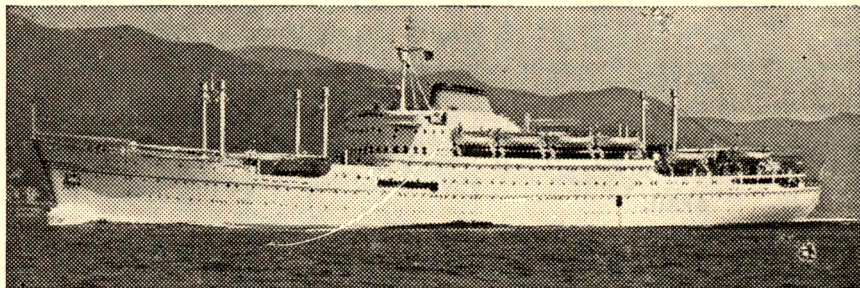
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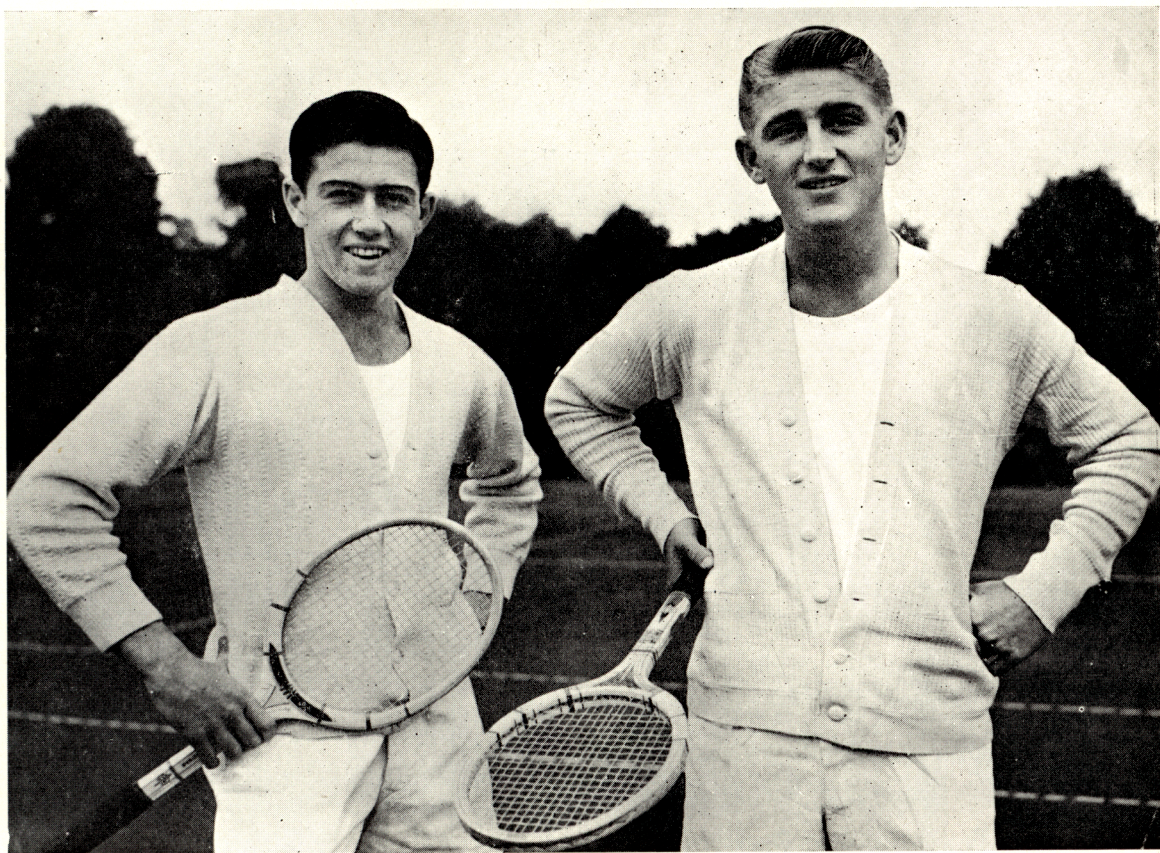
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